

NASA Facts

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NASA's Budget

NASA has the smallest budget of the major agencies in the Federal Government. Its budget has represented less than 1% of the total Federal budget since 1977.

The NASA budget request for FY 2001 is reflected in four appropriations:

- **Human Space Flight**—providing funding for the Space Station and Space Shuttle programs, including development of research facilities for the International Space Station and continuing safe, reliable access to space through augmented investments to improve Space Shuttle safety, support of payload and expendable launch vehicle operations and other investments including innovative technology development and commercialization.
- **Science, Aeronautics, and Technology**—providing funding for NASA's research and development activities, including all science research activities, global change research, aeronautics, technology investments, education programs, space operations, and direct program support.
- **Mission Support**—providing funding for NASA's civil service workforce, safety and quality assurance activities, and facilities construction activities to preserve NASA's core infrastructure.
- **Inspector General**—providing funding for the workforce and support required to perform audits and evaluations of NASA's programs and operations.

FY 2001 BUDGET SUMMARY

(Millions of Dollars)

	FY 2000	FY 2001
Human Space Flight	5,467.7	5,499.9
Science, Aeronautics & Technology	5,580.9	5,929.4

Mission Support	2,532.2	2,584.0
Inspector General	20.0	22.0
Total Budget Authority	13,600.8	14,035.3

NASA's unique mission of exploration, discovery, and innovation has preserved the United States' role as both a leader in world aviation and as the preeminent spacefaring nation. It is NASA's mission to:

- Advance human exploration, use and development of space
- Advance and communicate scientific knowledge and understanding of the Earth, the Solar System, and the Universe
- Research, develop, verify, and transfer advanced aeronautics, space, and related technologies

The outcomes of NASA's activities contribute significantly to the achievement of America's goals in five key areas:

- **Economic Growth and Security**—NASA conducts aeronautics and space research and develops technology in partnership with industry, academia, and other Federal agencies to keep America capable and competitive.
- **Increased Understanding of Science and Technology**—NASA communicates widely the content, relevancy, and excitement of our mission and discoveries to inspire and increase the understanding and the broad application of science and technology.
- **Sustainable Development of the Environment**—NASA studies Earth as a planet and as a system to understand global climate change, enabling the world to address environmental issues.

- **Educational Excellence**—NASA involves the educational community in our endeavors to inspire America's students, create learning opportunities, and enlighten inquisitive minds.
- **Peaceful Exploration and Discovery**—NASA explores the universe to enrich human life by stimulating intellectual curiosity, opening new worlds of opportunity, and uniting nations of the world in this quest.